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Title: CERAMIC PRODUCT USED WITH WATER AND METHOD OF STAIN RESISTANT TREATMENT THEREFOR

of which is described and claimed in:

- ☐ the attached specification, or  
☐ the specification in the application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_;  
 and with amendments through \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable), or  
☒ the specification in International Application No. PCT/JP/01800, filed March 23, 2000, and as amended  
 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

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I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, '119 (and '172 if this application is for a Design) of any application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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Japan	11-97010	April 02, 1999	Yes

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code '120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code '112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, '1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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